

# Exhibit 8

## Message

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**Subject:** Open Letter Condemning the University of Pittsburgh's Suppression of Pro-Palestinian Voices  
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We, the undersigned organizations, condemn **the selective repression of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)** at the University of Pittsburgh. As the **only Palestinian cultural and advocacy organization on campus**—led by **Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students**—SJP is being unfairly targeted with **heightened scrutiny and politically driven disciplinary actions**.

In a **blatant act of political suppression**, the University has targeted SJP with proposed sanctions that include **effective suspension** through May 2025, as well as probation through December 2025. Meanwhile, multiple registered pro-Israel advocacy organizations continue to operate without interference, **despite consistent harassment of SJP and its members**. One of these organizations, Students Supporting Israel, has repeatedly collaborated with **Betar USA**—an organization unaffiliated with the university that **issued bomb threats against SJP's general body** in November 2024. By **failing to take action in response to these threats**, the university has **effectively emboldened Betar**; the group has since provided the Trump administration with a list of international students, **targeting them for deportation due to their alleged pro-Palestine stance**.

From the time SJP leadership first met with Student Conduct staff on January 22, they were given **just six days to submit their evidence and witnesses**, despite the university having built its case against them **for over a month and a half**. Student Conduct staff also demanded that SJP leadership **submit in advance all questions they planned to ask during the hearing**, a directive that was later **retracted** upon questioning by SJP representatives—raising serious concerns about the fairness and transparency of the disciplinary process.

This latest act of repression is only the latest in a wave of disciplinary measures taken by University of Pittsburgh administration, including **surveilling, defunding, and relocating SJP events**—all justified by vague and inconsistently applied policies. These actions not only **disproportionately penalize students of color** for speaking out against apartheid and state violence but also set a dangerous precedent that will **erode the free speech and organizational rights of all Pitt affiliates**.

In light of the university administration's blatant attempt to silence pro-Palestine voices, we demand:

1. **The complete dismissal of all disciplinary proceedings against SJP.**
2. **Transparency in university conduct policies and equitable application of these policies.**
3. **An end to the University's suppression of Palestinian advocacy on campus.**

We refuse to allow this university to **silence marginalized voices**. Advocacy for the rights of the Palestinian people is **not** a crime.

Signed,

**University of Pittsburgh Affiliated Organizations:**

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2. Students for Justice in Palestine
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5. Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine
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8. University of Pittsburgh School of Law
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11. Muslim Student Association (MSA)
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14. Jewish Students' Bund
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17. Middle Eastern and North African Student Association (MENASA) at Pitt
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20. Asian Student Alliance (ASA)
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23. Rainbow Alliance
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26. Women of Color Collective (WOCC)
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29. Latinx Student Association (LSA)
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32. Kya Baat Hai
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35. The Fann Club
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38. Luso-Brazilian Student Association
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41. Alliance of Queer Underrepresented Asians in Recognition of Intersectionality to Uphold Solidarity (AQUARIUS)
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44. Japanese Student Association (JSA)
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47. PRISM at Pitt
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50. Trans Action Building
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53. Progressive Students for Change at Pitt
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56. Student Disability Coalition
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59. Autistic Students Union at Pitt
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62. Humanity First at Pitt
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65. ACLU Club at Pitt
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68. Direct Action Coalition (DAC)
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71. Pittsburgh Policy Initiative
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74. Behavioral Economics Club
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77. The Letter Project at Pitt
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80. COVID Safe Panthers

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- 83. Pitt Divest From Apartheid

**Community Organizations:**

- 1.
- 2. Council on American Islamic Relations - Philadelphia
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- 5. Pittsburgh Palestine Coalition
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- 8. Harrisburg Palestine Coalition
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- 11. Islamic Center of Pittsburgh
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- 14. Jewish Voice for Peace - Pittsburgh
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- 17. Ratzon: Center for Healing & Resistance
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- 20. BDS Pittsburgh
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- 23. Black Socialist Formation
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- 26. New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP)
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- 29. Asian Pacific Islander Political Alliance
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- 32. Alliance of South Asian Progressives in Pittsburgh (ASAPP)
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- 35. Rangoli Pittsburgh
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38. Pittsburgh Arab Music Ensemble  
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41. Karavansarai  
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44. Carnegie Mellon College Progressives  
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47. Middle Eastern and North African Student Association at **CMU**  
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50. Rojava Solidarity Committee  
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53. Veterans For Peace, Pittsburgh Chapter 047  
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56. UE Local 667  
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59. UE Local 690  
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62. Healthcare Workers for Palestine - Pittsburgh Chapter  
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65. Western PA Coalition for Single Payer Healthcare  
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68. Tri-state Abortion Action  
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71. Sunrise Movement Pittsburgh  
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74. Steel City Anti-Fascist League  
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77. Our Streets Collective  
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- 80. Against Carceral Tech
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- 83. Mask Up Pittsburgh
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- 86. Howmet Accountability Project
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- 89. Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee
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- 92. Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) - Pittsburgh
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- 95. Southwestern PA Women's Coalition
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- 97.
- 98. Take Action Mon Valley
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- 101. Stay Gold Books
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- 103.
- 104. Valley View Church
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- 106.
- 107. Green Party of Allegheny County
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- 110. Pittsburgh Green New Deal
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- 113. Project for Responsive Democracy
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- 116. Pittsburgh Branch of Communist Party USA
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- 119. Pittsburgh Branch of Democratic Socialists of America
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- 122. Pittsburgh Branch of the Party for Socialism & Liberation
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- 125. ANSWER Coalition Pittsburgh
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- 127.
- 128. West Virginia University Muslim Students' Association
- 129.
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- 131. River Valley for Gaza Healthcare
- 132.
- 133.
- 134. Wayne State University Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine
- 135.
- 136.
- 137. SCAD Students for Justice in Palestine